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1 March

China and North Korea, represented by Cui Yueli, Chinese Minister of Public Health, and Yi Chong-yul, North Korean Minister of Public Health, sign an agreement on Sino-Korean cooperation in public health and medical science for 1986-87 in Beijing. [redacted]

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2-5 March

South Korean Prime Minister Lho Shinyong receives a warm and enthusiastic reception during a four-day state visit to India. Comment: India maintains formal diplomatic relations with North Korea, but relations with South Korea are much warmer and continue to grow. [redacted]

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3 March	<p>Premier Kang Song-san meets with Soviet Premier Gorbachev to exchange views on further development of friendship and cooperation between the two countries. Kang is in Moscow as head of the KWP delegation to the 27th Soviet Congress.</p> <div></div>	25X1
4 March	<p>Construction workers rally to publicize Sunchon Vinalon complex now under construction. Vice Premier and Chairman of the Construction and Building Materials Committee Hyon Mu-kwang addresses the rally, urging workers to accelerate their efforts. (Vinalon is a chemical fiber made from anthracite and limestone.)</p> <div></div>	25X1
	<p>North Korea celebrates 40th anniversary of the promulgation of the law on agrarian reform. O Chin-u, Pak Song-ch'ol and other senior officials attend festivities at People's Palace of Culture. (Kim Il-song and Kim Chong-il are not present.)</p> <div></div>	25X1
	<p>Kim Chong-il visits the newly constructed international satellite communications earth station and the construction site of the Patriotic Martyrs Cemetery. Comment: This marks Kim's 4th appearance this year.</p> <div></div>	25X1
6 March	<p>Foreign Minister Kim Yong-nam stops over in Moscow enroute to Libya.</p> <div></div>	25X1
7 March	<p>Foreign Minister Kim Yong-nam arrives in Libya for a four-day official visit; meets with Qadhafi.</p> <div></div>	25X1
	<p>North Korean Ambassador to Switzerland Choe Chin-su presents credentials to President Alphons Egli.</p> <div></div>	25X1
8-11 March	<p>Cuban President Fidel Castro receives warm welcome during visit; meets with Kim Il-song and signs a 20-year friendship and cooperation treaty, which expresses solidarity and pledges to maintain exchanges and promote cooperation.</p> <div></div>	25X1

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10-19 March	A Costa Rican party delegation headed by General Secretary Alvaro Montero Mejia visits North Korea at the invitation of the KWP Central Committee. Politburo member Kim Hwan, KWP-CC department vice directors Kil Chae-yong and Han Si-hae, and other officials are on hand. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 70px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div>	25X1
11 March	Foreign Minister Kim Yong-nam arrives in Algeria for a four-day official visit and is met by Algerian Foreign Minister Ahmed Ibrahimi and others. Kim meets with President Chadli Benjedid. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 70px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div>	25X1
	Kim Chong-il gives "working guidance" to the Yongsong Machine complex and to the Hungnam Taesong Export Goods Processing Company. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 70px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div>	25X1
	North Korean Ambassador to the Congo Yi Hwa-son pays a farewell call on Congolese President Denis Sassou-Nguesso after a one-year tour of duty. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 70px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div>	25X1
12-15 March	A four-member delegation from Lesotho visits South Korea on a goodwill mission. The mission fails to convince South Korea to open a resident embassy in Maseru or to offer more than \$200,000 in commodities as aid to Lesotho. South Korean officials are also disappointed the North Korean embassy will remain open at the request of the Lesotho government. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 70px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div>	25X1
15 March	Foreign Minister Kim Yong-nam arrives in Mali to begin a two-day official visit. Kim meets with the Central Executive Bureau Political Secretary, who represents President Moussa Traore. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 70px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div>	25X1
	A North Korean economic delegation, headed by Vice Minister of External Affairs Om Tok-hwan, meets with Sierra Leonean President Joseph Momoh. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 70px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div>	25X1
17 March	Soviet Consul General in Chongjin marks the 37th anniversary of the economic and cultural cooperation agreement signed by North Korea and the USSR. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 70px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div>	25X1
18 March	Foreign Minister Kim Yong-nam holds informal talks with ;	

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	Ivory Coast Foreign Minister in Abidjan. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div>	25X1
19 March	Foreign Minister Kim Yong-nam and party arrive in Lagos to begin three days of talks. During visit, Minister of Foreign Affairs Bolaji Akinyemi reiterates Nigeria's support for Korean reunification. Nigerian Chief of General Staff believes his country could especially benefit from North Korea's experience in the shipping industry. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div>	
	China ratifies consular treaty signed by China and North Korea in Beijing, November 1985. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div>	25X1
	Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Kim Yong-sop leaves for a visit to central Africa. O Mun-han, heading a cultural relations delegation, leaves for Indonesia and Thailand. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div>	25X1
	Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Kim Hyong-yol and Czechoslovakian Ambassador to North Korea Vaclav Herman sign a protocol of cooperation for 1986-87 in P'yongyang. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div>	25X1
	North Korean Ambassador to Guyana Chong Chong-kyu presents credentials. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div>	25X1
21 March	Foreign Minister Kim Yong-nam arrives in Senegal for five-day official visit. Meets with President Abdou Diouf and Foreign Minister Ibrahima Fall. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div>	25X1
	Kim Il-song receives Soviet Vice Chairman of the Council of Ministers Yakov Petrovich Ryabov. The Soviet delegation is in P'yongyang to attend an intergovernment economic and scientific-technical meeting. Also present are Vice Premier Kim Pok-sin, KWP-Central Committee Secretary Pak Nam-ki, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Kim Hyong-yol, Vice Minister of External Economic Affairs Kim Chong-u, Soviet Ambassador Nikolay Shubnikov and other officials. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div>	25X1
21-25 March	A Sierra Leone parliamentary delegation, headed by Speaker of Parliament William Conteh, arrives in P'yongyang. Chairman of the Standing Committee of the People's	

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	delegation. At a reception concluding the visit, Sierra Leone delegation presents gift to Kim Chong-il. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div>	25X1
23 March	Egyptian Deputy Minister of Economic and Foreign Trade Kamal Hasan Hasanein and Vice Minister of Foreign Trade Cho Song-pom sign a protocol on commodity delivery for 1986 in Cairo. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div>	25X1
24 March	Party Deputy Director U Tal-ho, heading a three-man delegation, arrives in Ethiopia for a working visit to exchange views with members of the Ethiopian Workers' Party. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div>	25X1
24-28 March	First Vice President of Peru Alberto Sanchez arrives in Seoul as part of a 12-day trip to Canada, the United States and South Korea. He is accompanied by Senator Ramon Ponce de Leon and Deputy Alberto Valencia. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div>	25X1
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> Peruvian delegation hopes visit will balance recent Peruvian contact with North Korea. South Korea hopes the warm welcome for Sanchez and subsequent agreement to increase imports of Peruvian raw materials will help deter Garcia from recognizing North Korea. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 110px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div>	25X1
25 March	Soviet delegation of the Lenin Young Communist League leaves P'yongyang for the Soviet Union. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 90px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div>	25X1
26 March	During brief stopover in Moscow, Foreign Minister Kim Yong-nam meets with Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze for exchange of information on Kim's African trip. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 90px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div>	25X1
	Delegation headed by Education Commission Chairman Ch'oe T'ae-pok leaves to attend education and cultural conference in Cuba. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div>	25X1
	Power industry delegation headed by Chairman Yi Chi-chan leaves for Soviet Union. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div>	25X1
	Soviet Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade N.K. Komarov and Vice Minister of Foreign Trade Han Su-kil sign protocol on commodity delivery and payments for 1986 in Moscow. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div>	25X1
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26 March - 4 April

People's Assembly delegation, headed by Chairman of Standing Committee Yang Hyong-sop, begins an eight-day official visit in Moscow; is briefed on Soviet 27th Congress and holds talks with Andrey Gromyko and Chairman of the Supreme Soviet Lev Tolkunov. Visits Uzbekistan enroute home. Comment: Yang is the third top-level North Korean visitor to the Soviet Union in the past two years. Statement issued by Gromyko and Yang calling for increased contacts between the "highest organs" is another indication of the warming trend in Soviet-North Korean relationship.

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26-28 March

Romanian government delegation, headed by First Deputy Prime Minister Ion Dinca, visits P'yongyang for an inter-government economic and scientific-technological meeting. Dinca meets with Kim Il-song; signs protocol of meeting with Pak Nam-ki.

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28 March

Foreign Minister Kim Yong-nam returns home from Asian and African trip; is met by Vice Premier Chong Chun-ki and Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Kim Chae-suk.

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Party delegation headed by Kim Kuk-tae returns home after attending 13th party congress in India.

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Cameroonian Ambassador Jean Koucha and Burundi Ambassador Jonathas Niyungeko present credentials to Kim Il-song.

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Ambassador to Benin Kim Song-hwan meets with President Mathieu Kerekou. Kerekou calls for cohosting of the Olympics and reunification of Korea.

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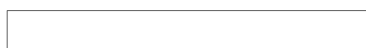
Supreme Soviet Presidium ratifies by decree a treaty signed in P'yongyang on demarcation of the economic zone and the continental shelf.

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Korean Central News Agency delegation returns from Cuba after attending 11th meeting of Nonaligned news agencies.

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Leading officials of Korea-Soviet Friendship Society return ;



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	Leading officials of Korea-Soviet Friendship Society return from visit to Soviet Union. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div>	25X1
	Soviet Civil Aviation Ministry delegation, headed by Oleg Smirnov, arrives in P'yongyang. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div>	25X1
29 March	Yugoslavian government delegation, headed by President Radovan Vlackovic, arrives in P'yongyang. Four-day visit is aimed at further developing friendly relations and promoting the Nonaligned Movement. Vlackovic, first top Yugoslav leader to visit North Korea since 1977 visit of Tito, holds two meetings with Kim Il-song and is seen off at the airport by Kim. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div>	25X1
	Foreign Minister Kim Yong-nam holds talks with Yugoslavian Foreign Affairs Secretary Raif Dizdarevic in P'yongyang; issues joint statement calling for the strengthening of the Nonaligned Movement. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div>	25X1
	Vice President Pak Song-ch'ol and party delegation arrive in Bulgaria to attend 13th Congress of Bulgarian Communist Party. Delegation is met by Foreign Minister Peter Mladenov, Central Committee Secretary Kiril Zarev, Bulgarian Ambassador to North Korea Vasil Khubchev, North Korean Ambassador to Bulgaria Ha Tong-yun and others. Pak meets with President Todor Zhivkov, who expresses support for cosponsorship of the Olympics. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div>	25X1
	Supreme People's Assembly Deputy Hwang Sun-myong, heading parliamentary delegation, leaves P'yongyang for Mexico to attend 75th General Assembly of Inter-parliamentary Union. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div>	25X1
	North Korean musicians delegation, headed by Yi Han-yong, leaves P'yongyang to attend 7th Congress of Soviet Composers' Union. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div>	25X1
30 March	Vice Foreign Minister Kim Yong-sop meets with Gabonese President Bongo. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div>	25X1
31 March	Procurator General Han Sang-kyu, heading delegation from	



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Central Procurator's Office, meets with Chinese party member Qiao Shi in Beijing. Han and Qiao call for exchanges between the judiciary of the two countries. Chinese Procurator General Yang Yichen and Chinese Ambassador to North Korea Sin In-ha are also present.

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North Korean Ambassador to Sao Tome and Principe Pak Ki-chol presents credentials to President Costa.



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